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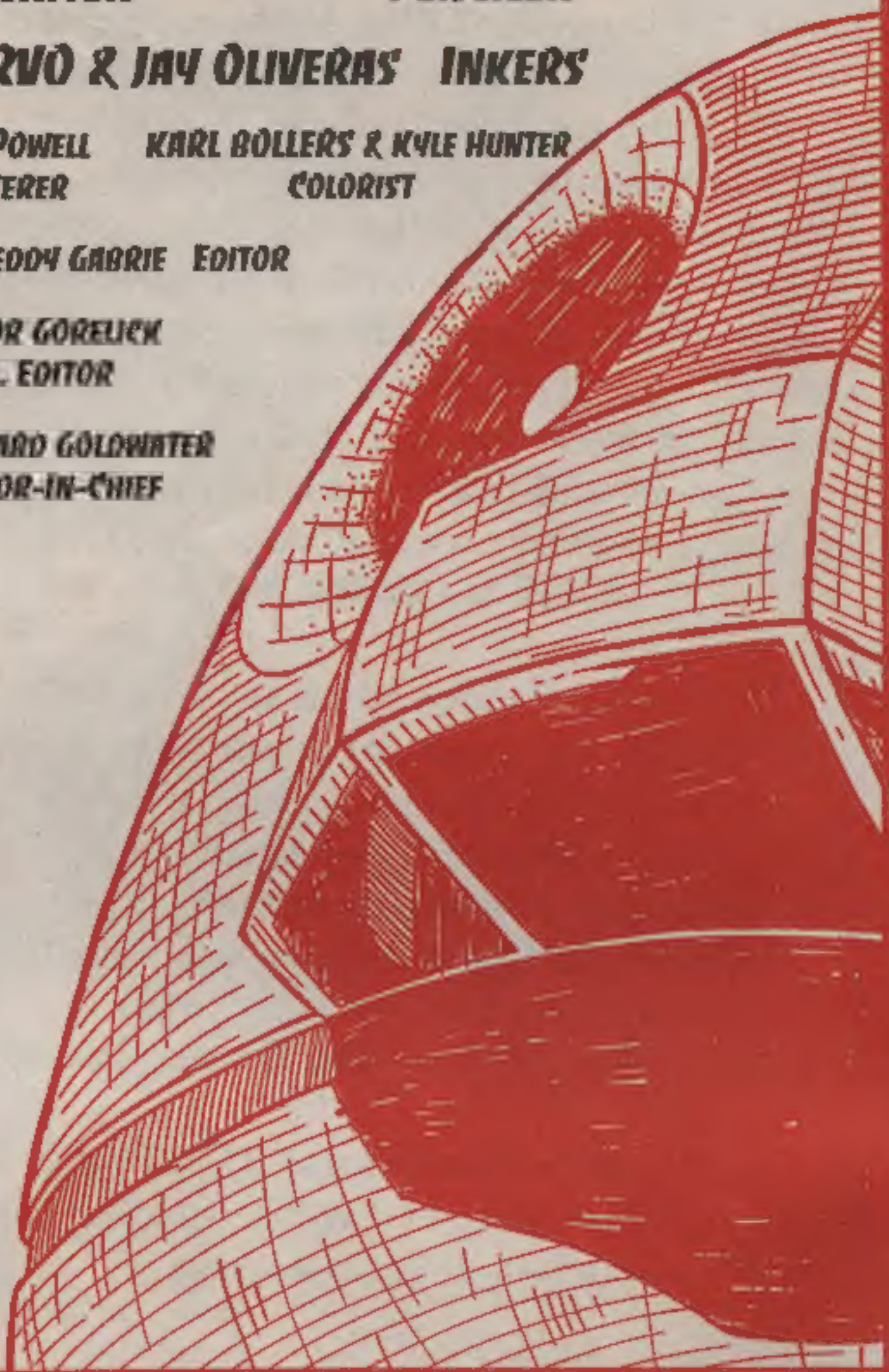

KING ACORN OF MOBIUS LIES NEAR DEATH IN KNOTHOLE, HIS SKIN CRYSTALLIZING FROM AN AFTER-EFFECT OF TIME SPENT IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE.

PRINCESS SALLY HAS DISPATCHED HER FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO ACQUIRE MAGIC RINGS IN THE HOPES IT WILL CURE THE MONARCH.

TAILS THE FOX HAS STOWED AWAY ABOARD IVO ROBOTNIK'S GIGANTIC SHIP, THE DEATH EGG, AND IS TRYING TO SABOTAGE IT, DISGUISED AS A SWATBOT.

UNAWARE OF THIS, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS BATTLED HIS WAY PAST CONDORBOT AND HAS ALSO GOTTEN INSIDE THE MASSIVE AIRBUS.

THE SAME MASSIVE AIRBUS THAT HAS ATTACKED THE FLOATING ISLAND IN ORDER TO STEAL ITS TWO CHAOS EMERALDS.

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BOOK THREE

OVER EASY

AND NOW, ON WITH THE SHOW!

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YES! THE DEATH EGG IS FORCING THE FLOATING ISLAND INTO THE SEA! ALL LIVING THINGS ON IT WILL BE DROWNED! THE EMERALDS WILL BE MINE AND THIS SHIP WILL BE INVULNERABLE!

CRUNCH TIME! I'VE GOTTA SLIP OUT OF THE CONTROL ROOM AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO STOP IVO!

Aha! ONE LAST SWATBOT TO TRASH AND THEN IT'S CLEAR SAILING TO THE FAT MAN!

HOLD STILL, TINTOP--THIS'LL ONLY HURT FOR A SEC--HEY!

SWOOP

Hmm-- PRETTY FAST REFLEXES FOR A ROBOT...

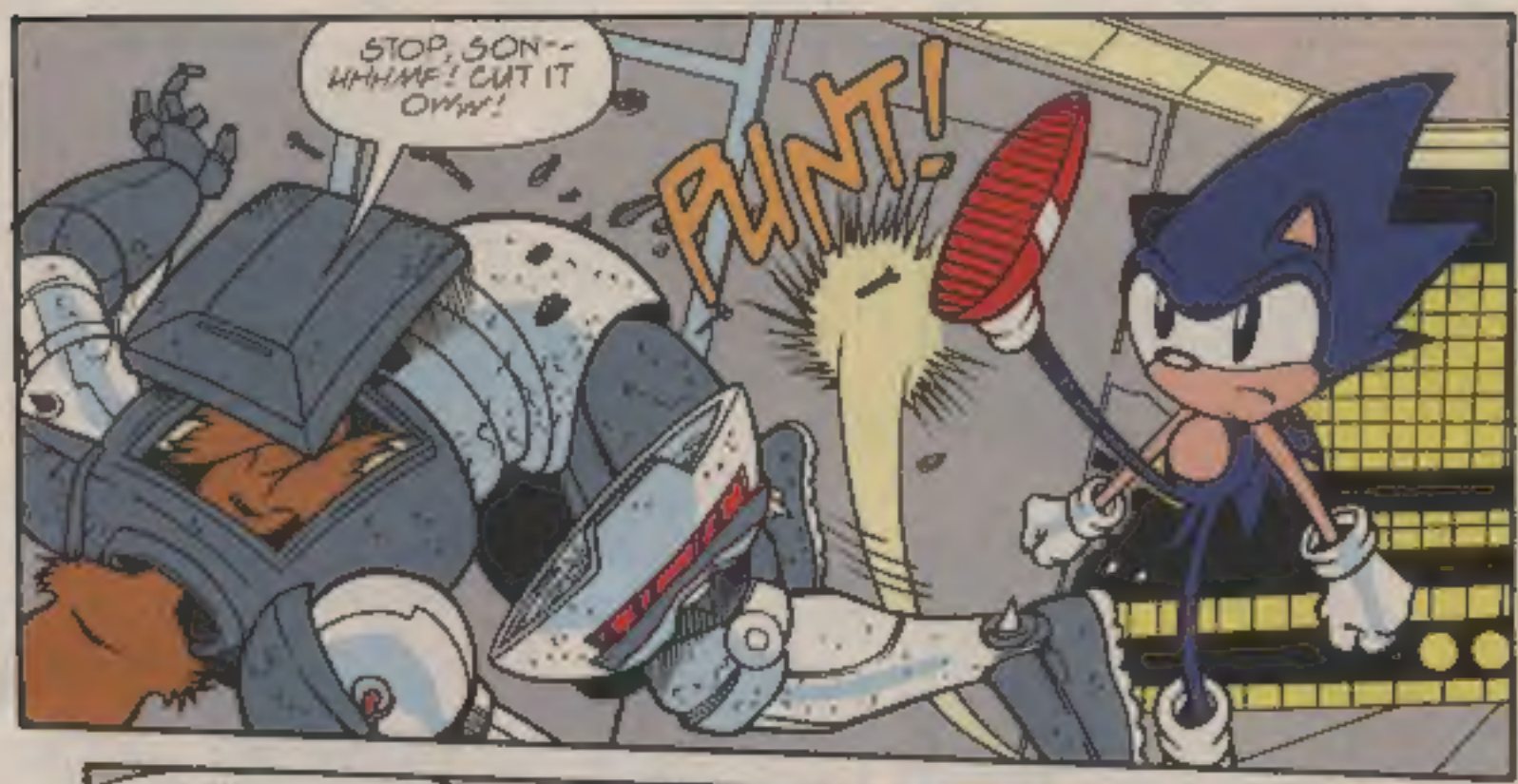
BUT NO-BOT-Y'S FAST ENOUGH TO DUCK A SONIC SPIN!

BTANG

OOOF!

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY A LARGE KICK TO THE SMALL OF THE BACK!

WHOP


STOP, SON-- UHHMF! CUT IT OWW!
PUNT!

THAT VOICE -- THOSE FURRY APPENDAGES STICKING OUT OF THE SWATBOT--
--TAILS!

SORRY ABOUT THAT, LITTLE BUDDY! HOW DID YOU WIND UP IN THAT 'BOT SHELL?
I'LL EXPLAIN IT ALL TO YOU LATER. RIGHT NOW, THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO STOP ROBOTNIK FROM SUBMERGING THE FLOATING ISLAND AND ACQUIRING THEIR CHAOS EMERALDS!

NO SOONER SAID THAN DONE. CHUM. CHILL, WHILE I TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS!

YO, ROBO! I'M CLOSING THIS PLAY BEFORE IT OPENS! BRING DOWN THE CURTAIN!

WHAT I'VE BROUGHT DOWN IS A THICK WALL OF PLEXIGLAS BETWEEN US, HEDGEHOG! I HEARD YOUR APPROACH--DID YOU THINK I'D LEAVE MYSELF OPEN TO ATTACK?

WHAM

EYOWTCH!

SSSTHUNK

OH, MY ACHIN' CRANIUM--HEY! ANOTHER WALL CAME DOWN BEHIND ME! :KOFF KOFF: WHAT'S THAT AWFUL SMELL?

POISON GAS, MY OLD FOE! :Chortle: I'LL STOP SUBMERGING THE FLOATING ISLAND JUST LONG ENOUGH TO WATCH YOU PERISH!

:CHOKE: Y-YOU FIEND! :HACK: VUH-VISION G-GETTING BLURRY... LUH-LOSING AIR... :GOSP:

Try this trick and see what magic you can make

A

B

Fold page so arrow B meets arrow A

A

Fold this section over left

B

NOT SO FAST, FATTY! THIS SWAT-BOT SUIT'S JET BOOTS ARE STILL WORKING!

GADZOOKS! TAILS COMING IN THROUGH THE DEATH EGG'S EYE FROM OUTSIDE!

SKTASK

RIGHT! HERE'S ANOTHER THING THAT STILL FUNCTIONS ON THIS 'BOT... THE BLASTERS!

SKTOW SKTOW SKTOW

YOU FOOL! YOU'RE DESTROYING THE CONTROL CONSOLES!

ESSSH

:WHEEZE: AND JUH-JUST IN T-TIME... :KOFF: TH-THANKS, LITTLE BUDDY!

YOU'RE WELCOOOF!

ARRGH, YOU TWO-TAILED FREAK! NOT ONLY DID YOU RAISE THE PLEXI-GLAS WALLS WHEN YOU RUPTURED THE MASTER PANELS, BUT YOU SHORT CIRCUITED THE SHIP'S DOWN-WARD THRUSTERS!

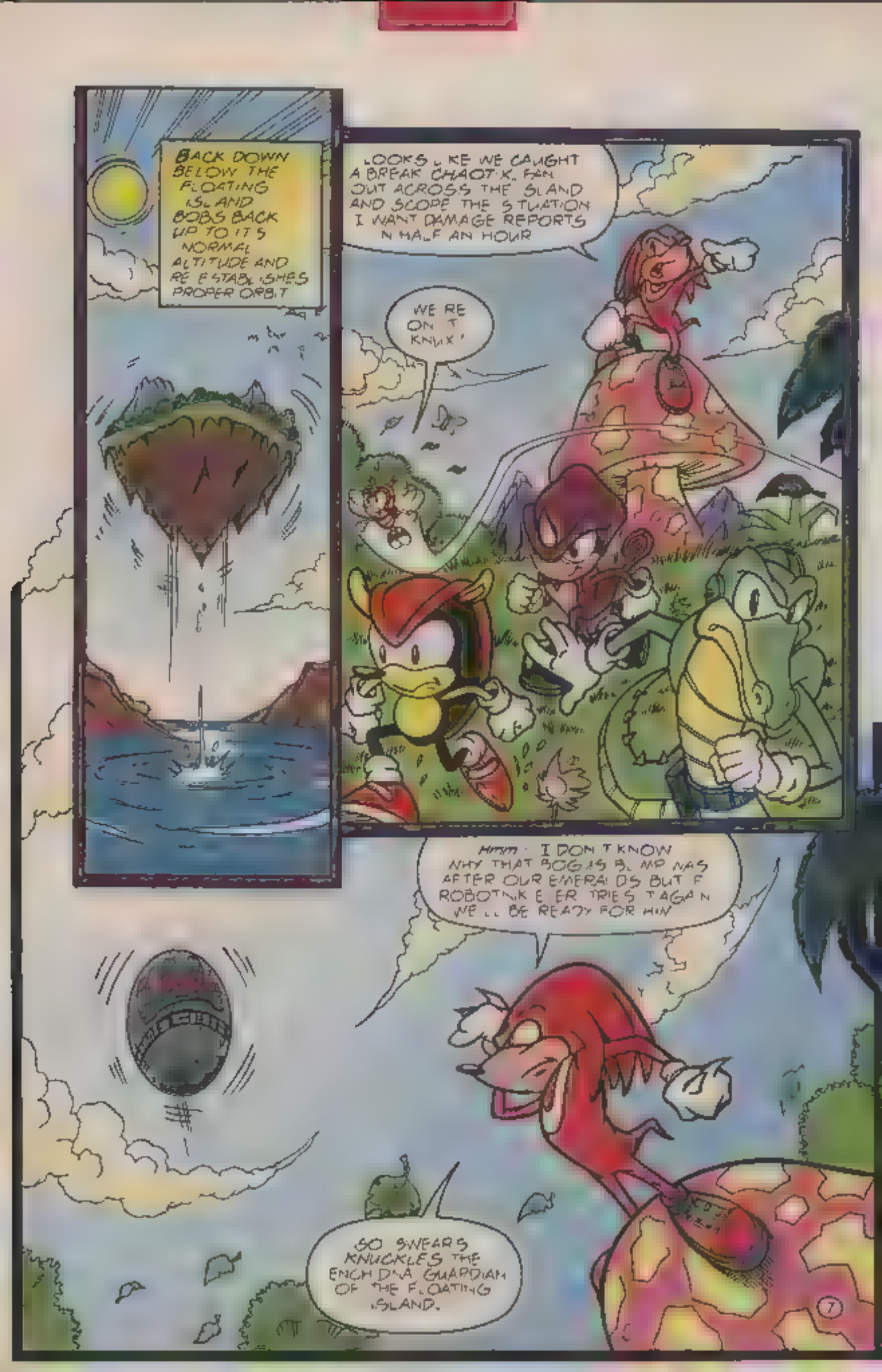
THE DEATH EGG IS LAUNCHING ITSELF INTO SPACE RELEASING THE FLOATING ISLAND!

MMMMMF! AS SOON AS THE INERTIA LETS UP YOU'RE GONNA BE MY PERSONAL HEAVY BAG, IVO!

THAT WILL BE THE DAY WHEN I'M NOT PREPARED FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY. MY GRAV GAUNTLET WILL ENSHROUD ME WITH A STABILIZING FIELD LONG BEFORE YOU CAN MOVE...

...AND ALLOW ME TO ESCAPE DOWN THIS HATCH TO MY AUXILIARY CONTROL ROOM. THIS ISN'T OVER YET HEDGEHOG.

BET ON IT BUBBERBOLTS!


BACK DOWN BELOW THE FLOATING ISLAND BOBS BACK UP TO ITS NORMAL ALTITUDE AND RE ESTABLISHES PROPER ORBIT
LOOKS LIKE WE CAUGHT A BREAK CHAOTIX, FAN OUT ACROSS THE ISLAND AND SCOPE THE SITUATION I WANT DAMAGE REPORTS IN HALF AN HOUR
WE'RE ON IT KNUX!
HMMM: I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT BOGUS BLIMP WAS AFTER OUR EMERALDS BUT IF ROBOTNIK EVER TRIES TAGAIN WE'LL BE READY FOR HIM
SO SWEARS KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND.
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UP ABOVE

NOW! I'M NOT LICKED YET ONCE I RID THE DEATH EGG OF THOS- ACCURSED FREEDOM FIGHTERS I'LL BE ABLE TO EFFECT REPAIRS AND RETURN TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND--

...USING THE INFINITE POWER OF THIS DEADLY ORGANIC TO ROBOTICIZE EVERYLIVING THING ON PLANET MOBIUS.

ATTENTION, SONIC AND TAILS I KNOW YOU CAN SEE ME ON THE WALL MONITORS

I'LL SAY! CAN'T WE GET THE CHILI DOG CHANNEL ON THIS RIG?

SILENCE! YOU'LL APPRECIATE MY NEXT GUEST HEDGEHOG I BORROWED A FEW DESIGN ELEMENTS FROM YOU DURING YOUR BRIEF TENURE AS MECHA SONIC--

BUT THEN I PUMPED HIM UP--AND UP-- AND UP SOME MORE UNTIL HE BECAME THE ULTIMATE WAR WEAPON PLEASE WELCOME --SILVER SONIC!

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PART 2

HOLY GUACAMOLE IT'S AN OVERSIZED ROBOTIC VERSION OF ME!

OMIGOSH IT'S MUH-MONSTROUS

WHAREOW

- WHO WH- WHAT RE WE GUH-GONNA DO?

STAY COOL, PARD! YOU HEAD BACK TO THE CONTROL ROOM AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO CRACK THIS EGG! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS DOPEY DOPPLE GANGER

NO ROBO-REF... CA CAN GET THE DROP ON ME -

THROP

WHOOF! I THINK...

WELL IT'S NICE TO KNOW I WON'T HAVE TO PULL MY PUNCHES WITH YOU JUMBO.
HERE'S A LOOPING LEFT HOOK POWERED BY A FIGURE EIGHT LEG SPIN!
KLANG
OUCH THAT SOLID SHOT DIDN'T EVEN SLOW HIM DOWN -WHOOP HE'S GOT MEEEYOW!
WHUMP
WHASH
UHNGH SILVER SONIC PUNCHED A HOLE IN THE FLOOR WITH HIM HEAD HIM OH HE PLANS TO STOMP ME GOTTA THINK FAST HMMM THESE SLICED CABLES ARE LIVE!
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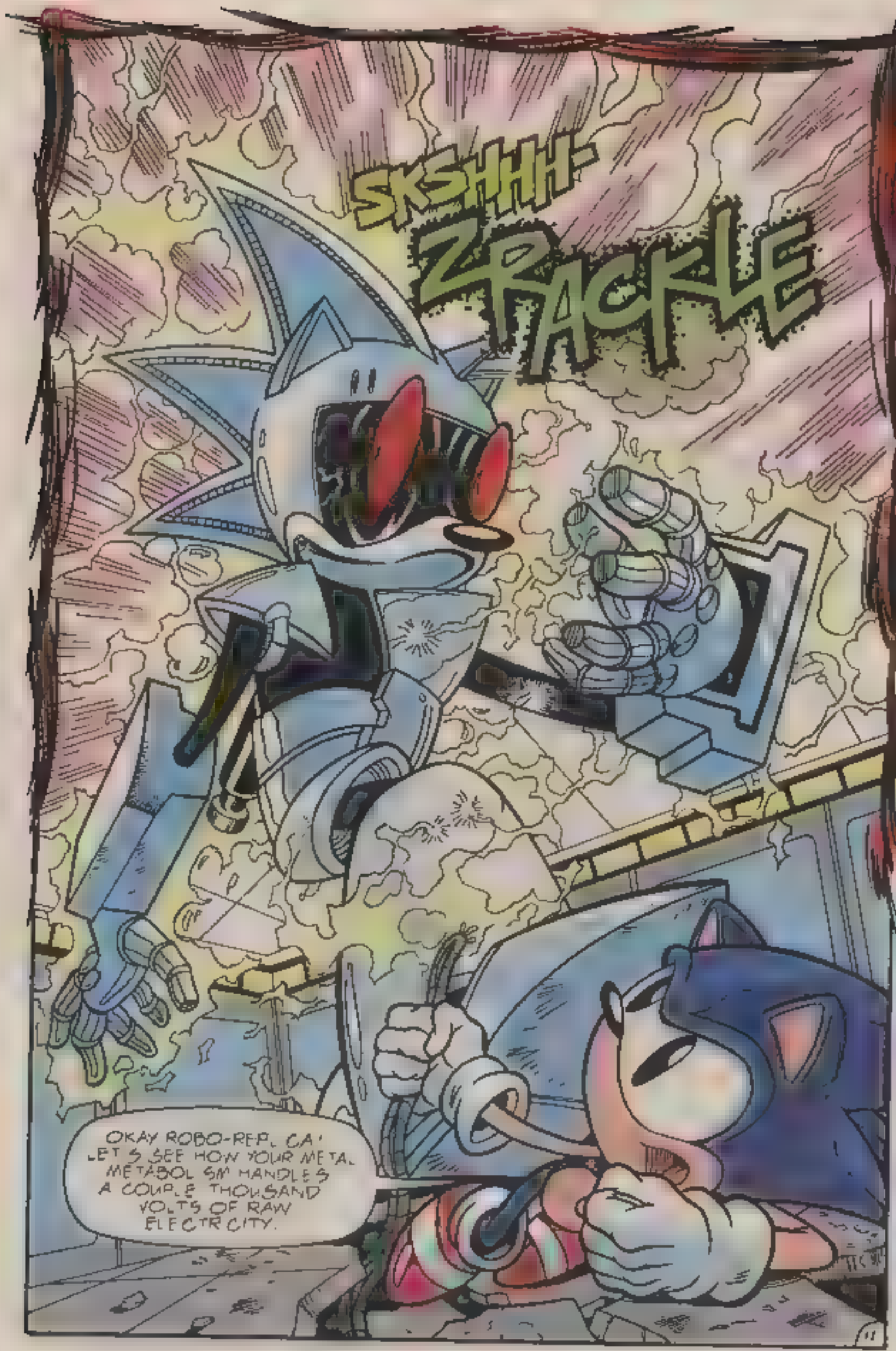
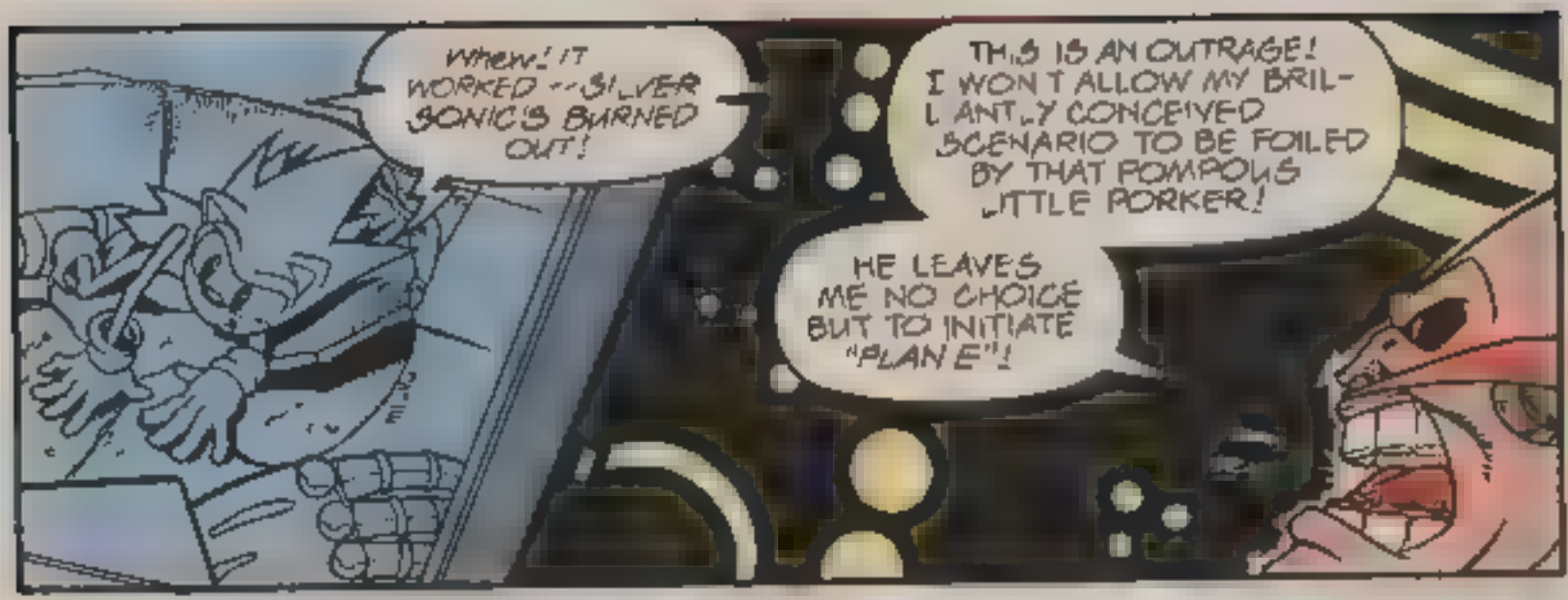

SKSHHH-
ZRACKLE
OKAY ROBO-REPL CA' LET'S SEE HOW YOUR METAL METABOLISM HANDLES A COUPLE THOUSAND VOLTS OF RAW ELECTRICITY.



"Chuckle" SONIC'S DOOM IS FINALLY AT HAND! A QUICK CHANGE AND I'LL BE CLAD IN THE MOST SOPHISTICATED BATTLE ARMOR EVER...

CHANGE ROOM

...THE EGGS-O-SKELETON!

IT'S BIO-CIRCUITRY IS PSIONICALLY LINKED TO THE DEATH EGG ITSELF MAKING ME POWERFUL BEYOND COMPARE --

--AS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS ABOUT TO FIND OUT... THE HARD WAY!

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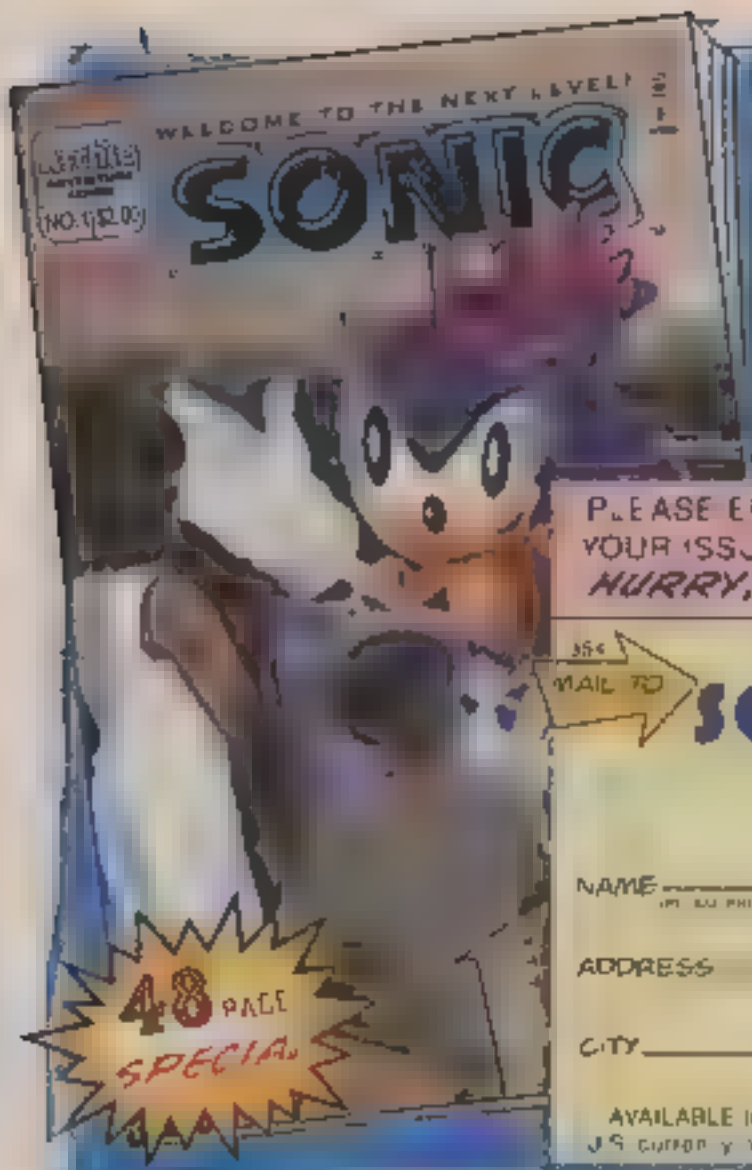

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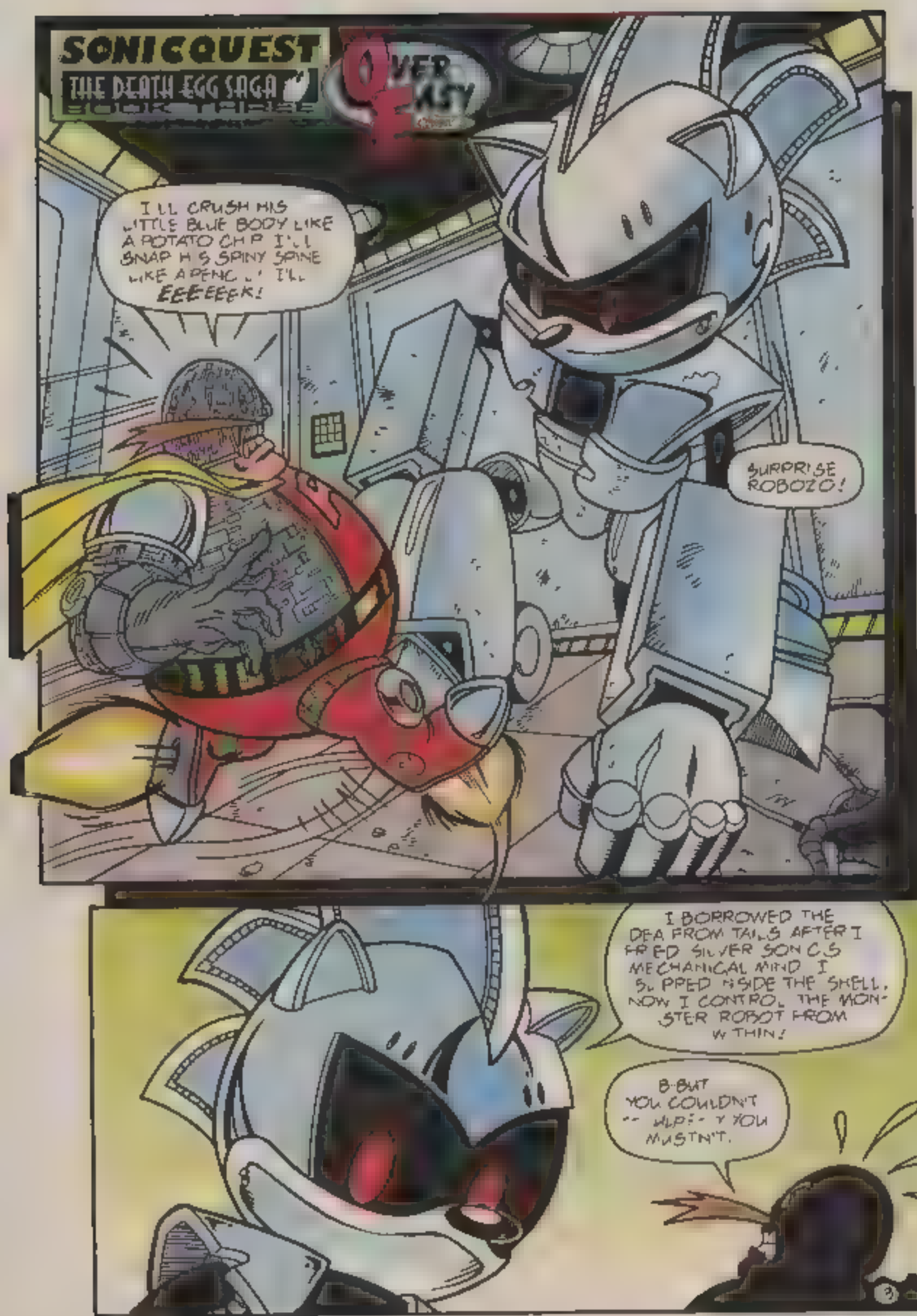
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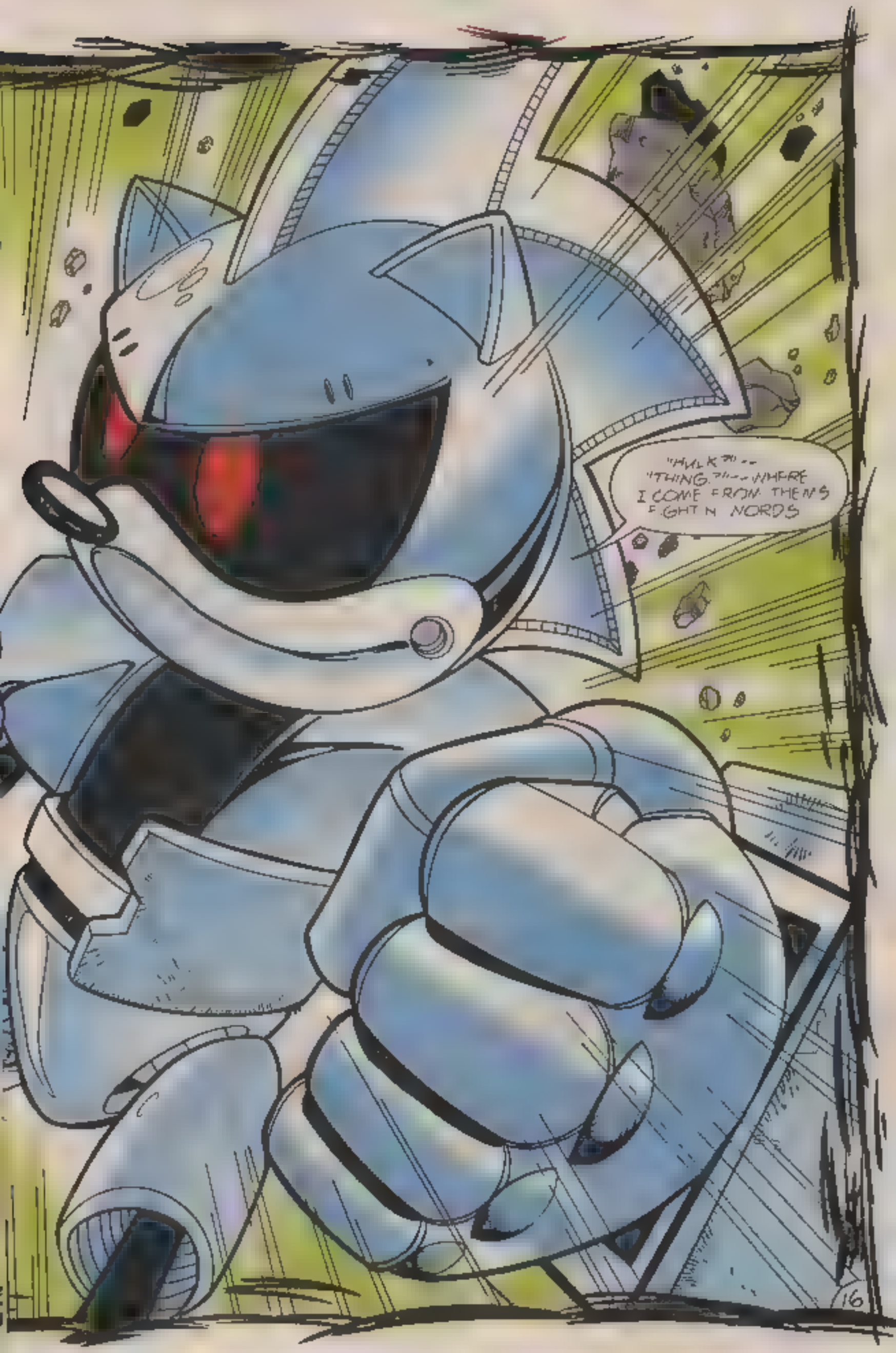
OVERKILL
I'LL CRUSH HIS LITTLE BLUE BODY LIKE A POTATO CHIP! I'LL SNAP HIS SPINY SPINE LIKE A PENCIL! I'LL EEEEEEEK!
SURPRISE ROBOZO!
I BORROWED THE IDEA FROM TAILS AFTER I FRIED SILVER SONIC'S MECHANICAL MIND. I SLIPPED INSIDE THE SHELL. NOW I CONTROL THE MONSTER ROBOT FROM WITHIN!
B-BUT YOU COULDN'T -- HELP! -- YOU MUSTN'T.

I CAN AND I DID AND NOW I'M GONNA SQUASH YOU LIKE THE BLOATED TICK YOU ARE, NO!
EGAD. I BARELY AVOIDED THAT BLOW. SONIC'S POWER IS FORMIDABLE INSIDE THAT SUIT.
KAAA
UGH!
BUT NOWHERE NEAR AS FORMIDABLE AS THE EGGS-O-SKELETON
ZOOM!
BTONG
NOT ROBAD. ROBO BUT YOU BUILT THIS WELL. I CAN TAKE PUNISHMENT -- AND DISH IT OUT.
EEEYAAAR.
ZROK

THAT DOES IT YOU BIG HULK! I'M TAKING YOU DOWN AND THERE'S NOT A THING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT!
R


"HULK?" --
"THING?" -- WHERE
I COME FROM THEN'S
FIGHT N NORDS
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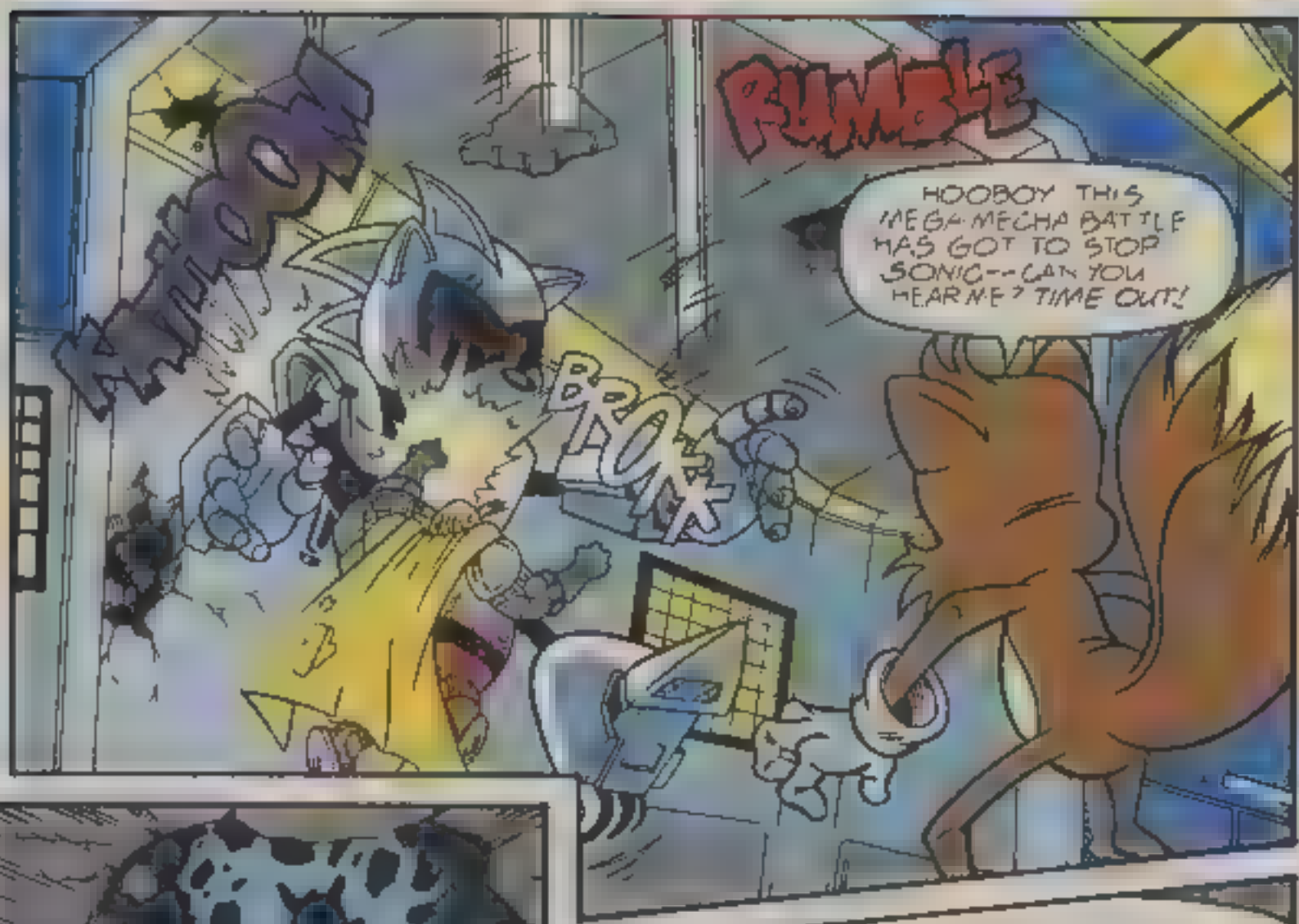
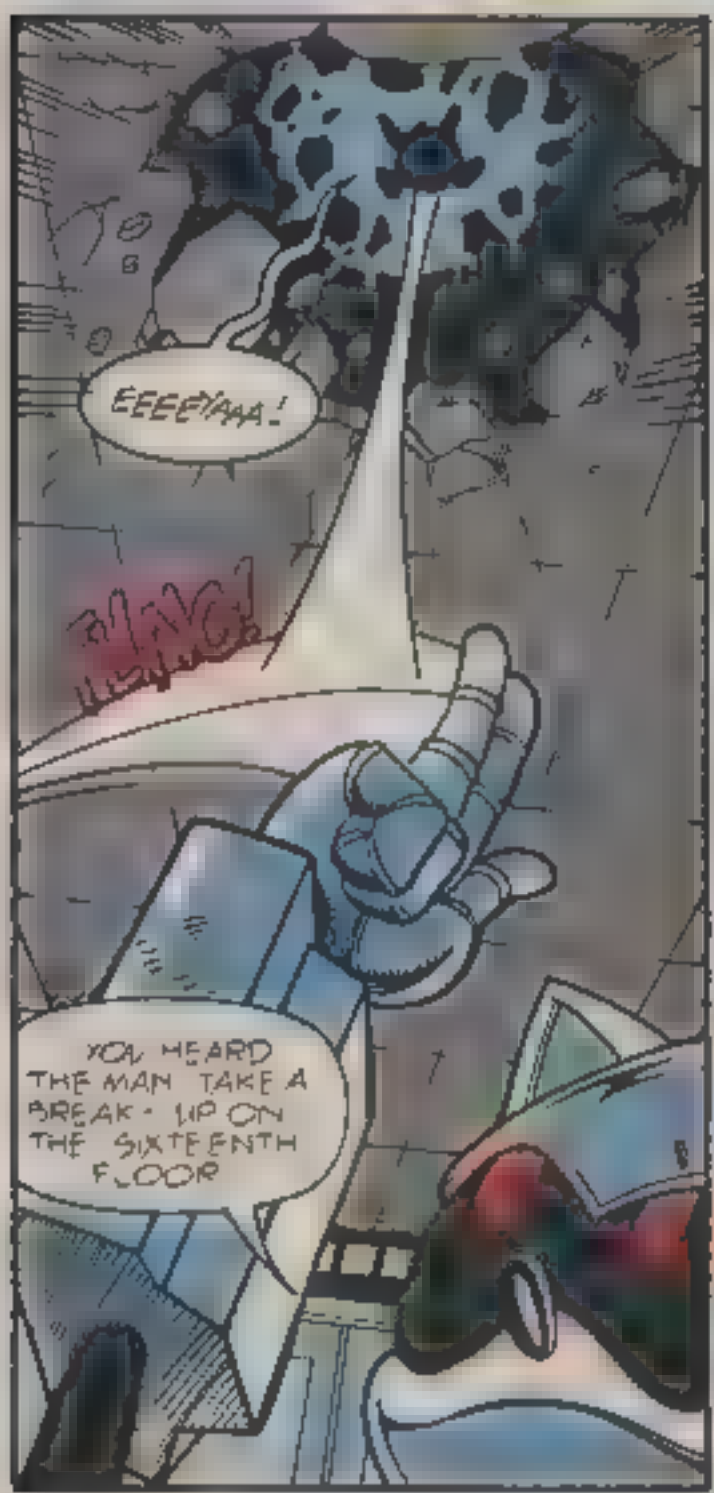
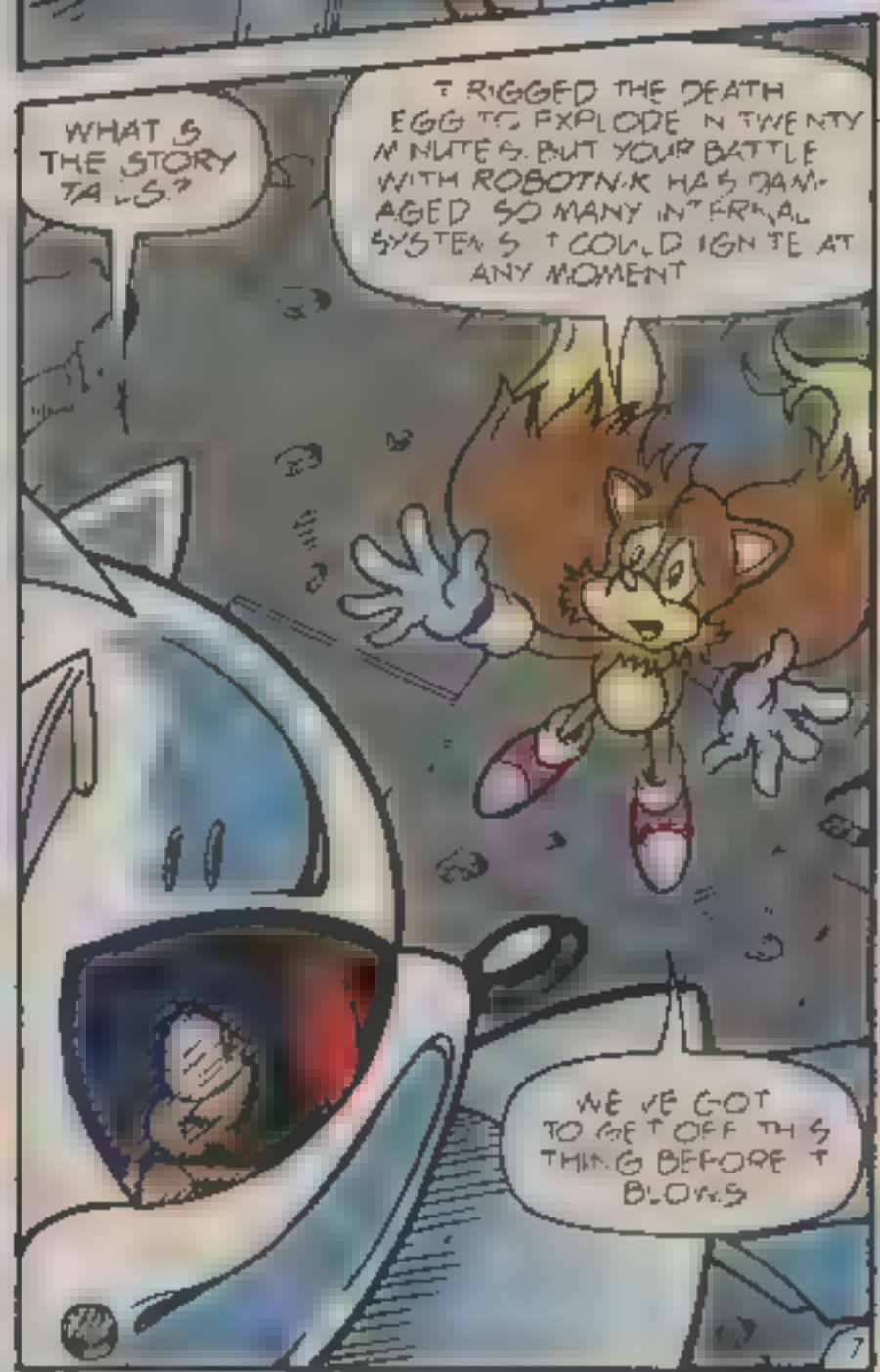
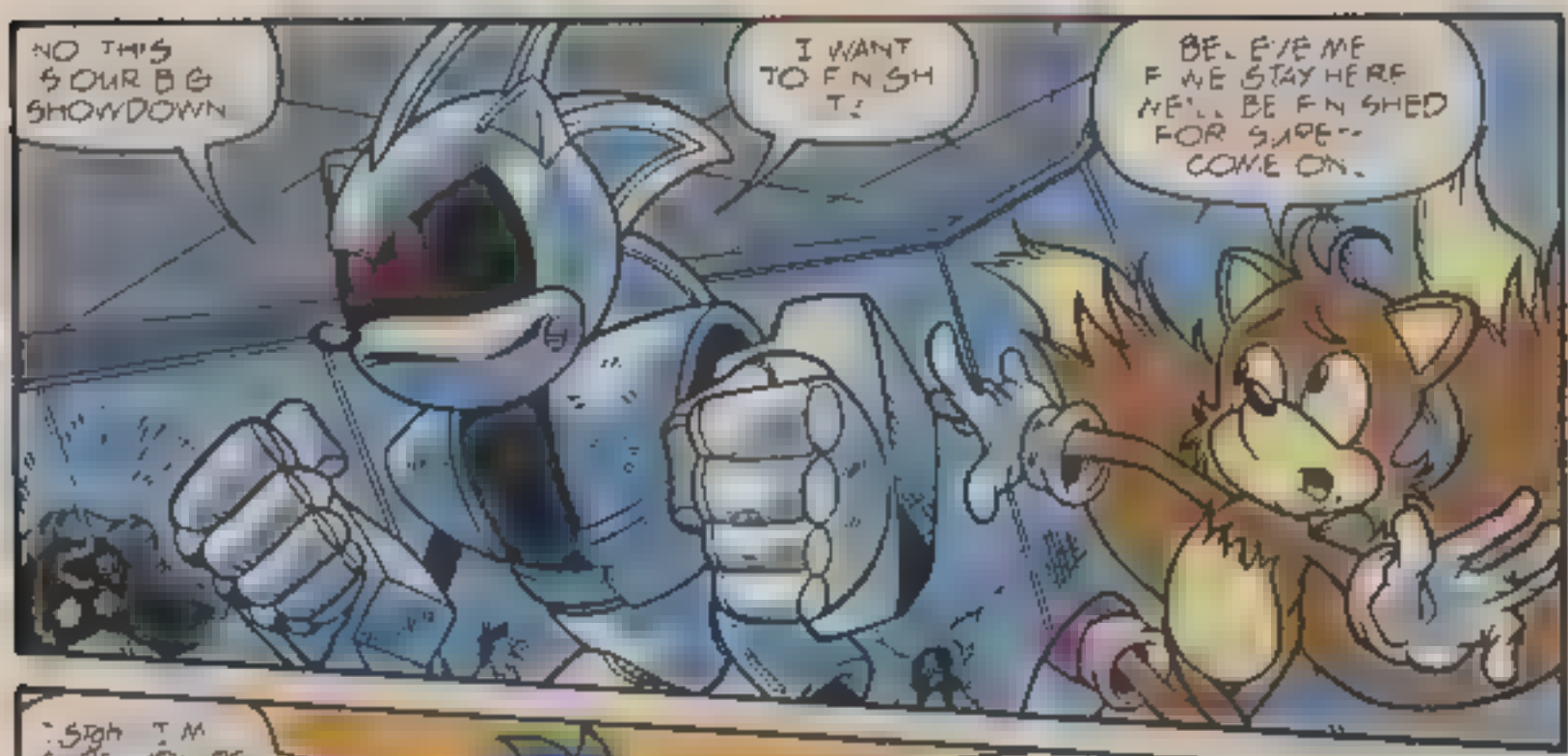
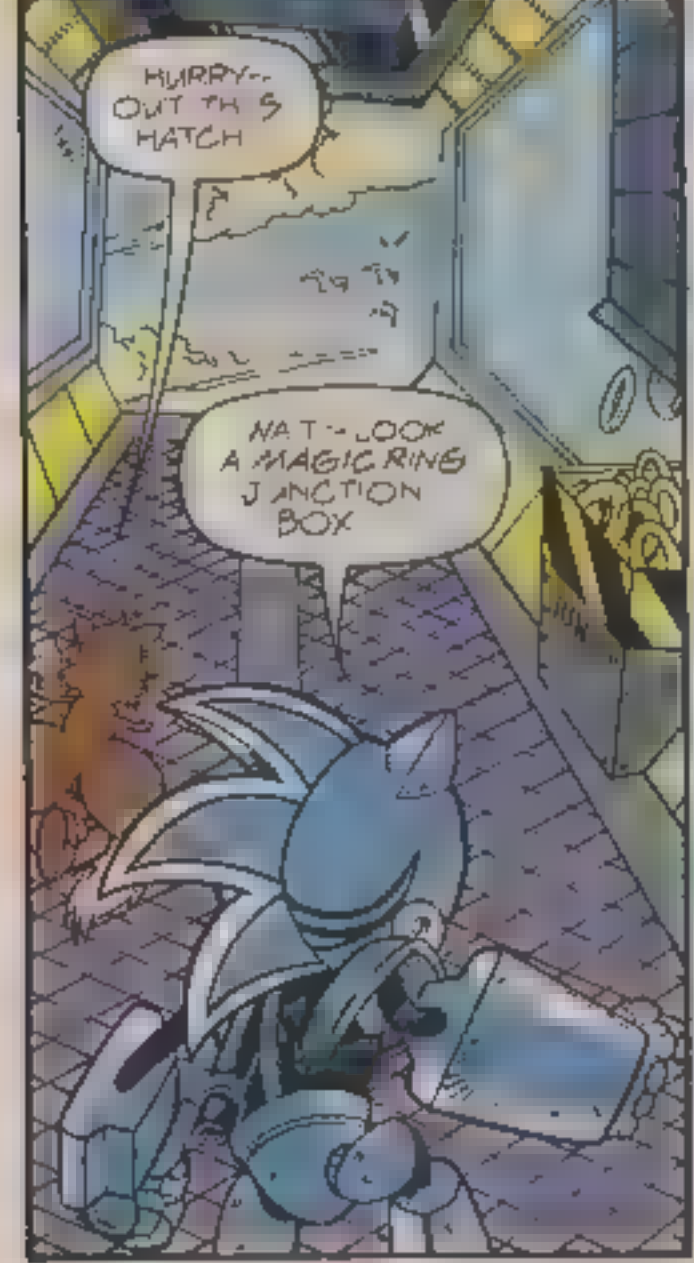

RUMBLE
HOOBOY THIS MEGA-MECHA BATTLE HAS GOT TO STOP SONIC--CAN YOU HEAR ME? TIME OUT!
BROK

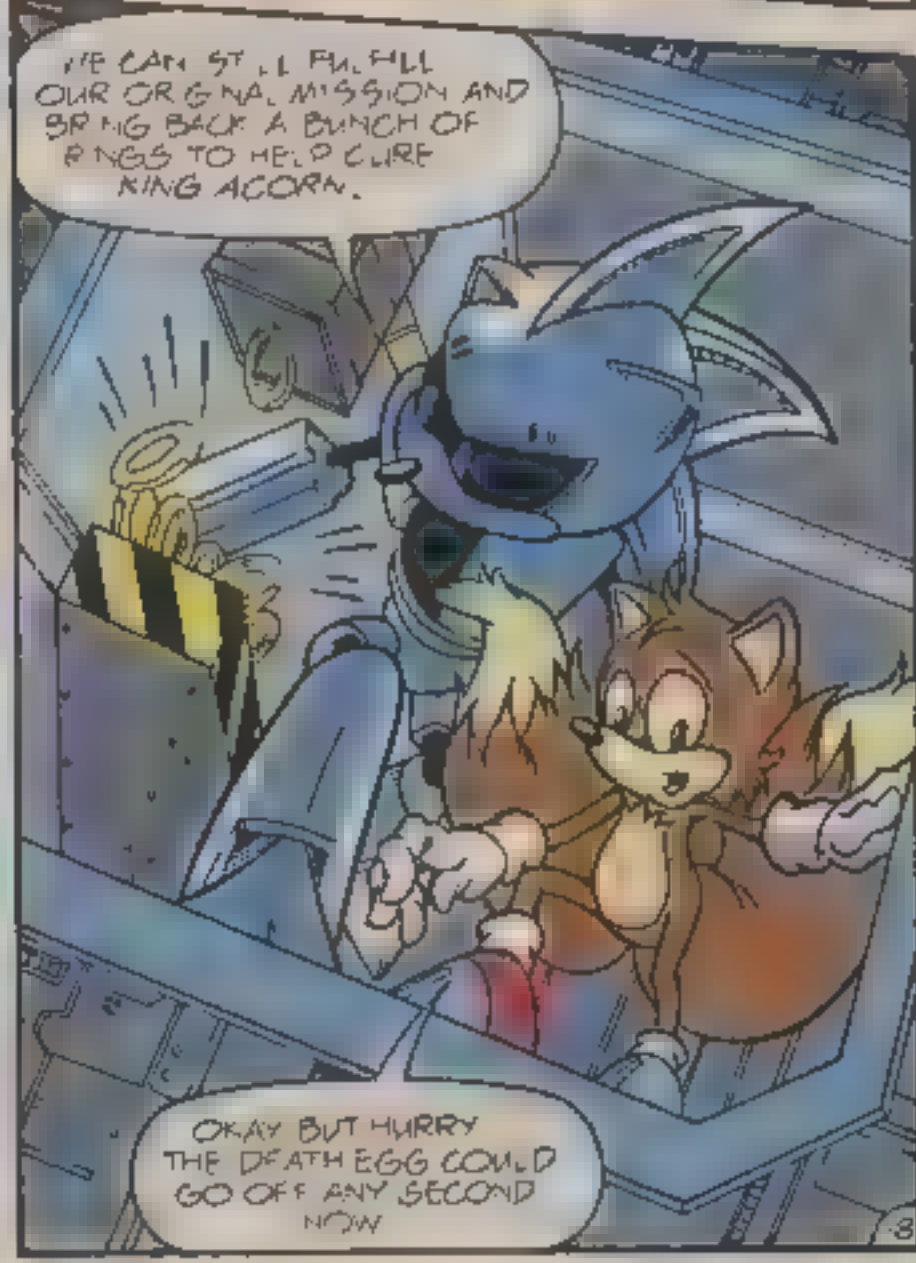

EEEEYAAA!
YOU HEARD THE MAN TAKE A BREAK - UP ON THE SIXTEENTH FLOOR


WHAT'S THE STORY TAILS?
I RIGGED THE DEATH EGG TO EXPLODE IN TWENTY MINUTES. BUT YOUR BATTLE WITH ROBOTNIK HAS DAMAGED SO MANY INTERNAL SYSTEMS IT COULD IGNITE AT ANY MOMENT
WE'VE GOT TO GET OFF THIS THING BEFORE IT BLOWS


NO THIS IS OUR BIG SHOWDOWN
I WANT TO FINISH IT!
BELIEVE ME IF WE STAY HERE WE'LL BE FINISHED FOR SURE-- COME ON.

SIGH I'M SURE YOU'RE RIGHT,
YOU BET I AM. WHEN THE ANTI-MATTER MATRIX REACHES THE NUCLEONIC DISPERSION CHAMBER THIS THING WILL BE VAPOR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THE COMPUTER SAYS!
RUMBLE


HURRY-- OUT THIS HATCH
NAT-- LOOK A MAGIC RING JUNCTION BOX


WE CAN STILL FULFILL OUR ORIGINAL MISSION AND BRING BACK A BUNCH OF RINGS TO HELP CURE KING ACORN.
OKAY BUT HURRY THE DEATH EGG COULD GO OFF ANY SECOND NOW

HANG ON TT E BUDDY THE SILVER SONIC SUIT WILL PROTECT US DURING RE-ENTRY INTO THE ATMOSPHERE THEN ON MY SIGNAL START USING YOUR TAILS TO HOVER IN THE AIR

RUMBLE

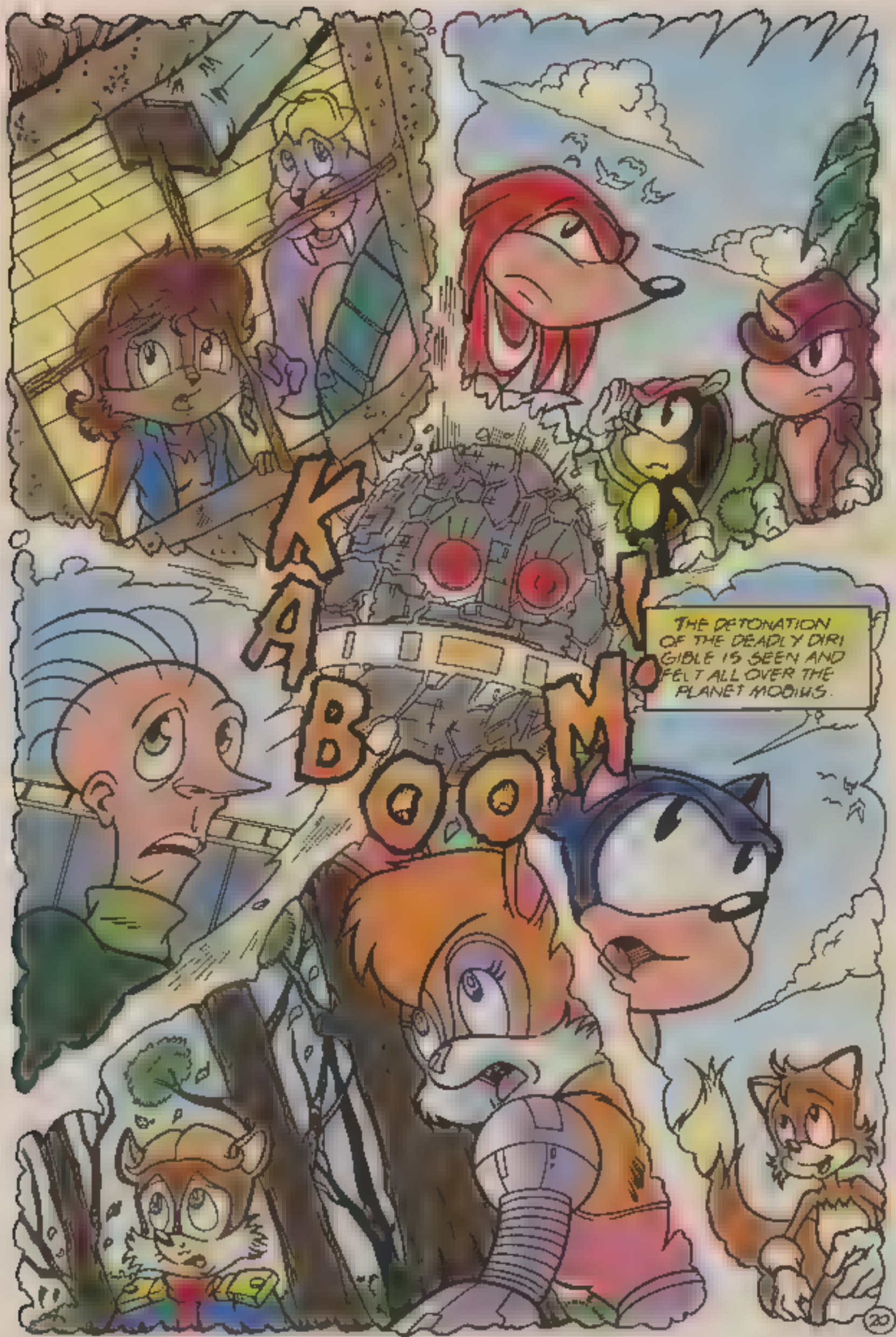
RATTLE

I HOPE YOU GIVE ME THE SIGNAL SOON BECAUSE THE GROUND IS GETTING MIGHTY CLOSE MIGHTY FAST

MEANWHILE I'LL CLIMB OUT OF THIS MONKEY SUIT AND YOU CAN ESCORT ME DOWN BELOW NOW!

NICELY DONE AND WE'VE EVEN GOT SOME RINGS TO SHOW FOR IT

YEAH IT'LL BE A LONG TRIP HOME BUT WE DID IT AS FOR THE DEATH EGG--


KA-BOOM!
THE DETONATION OF THE DEADLY DIRIGIBLE IS SEEN AND FELT ALL OVER THE PLANET MOBIUS.
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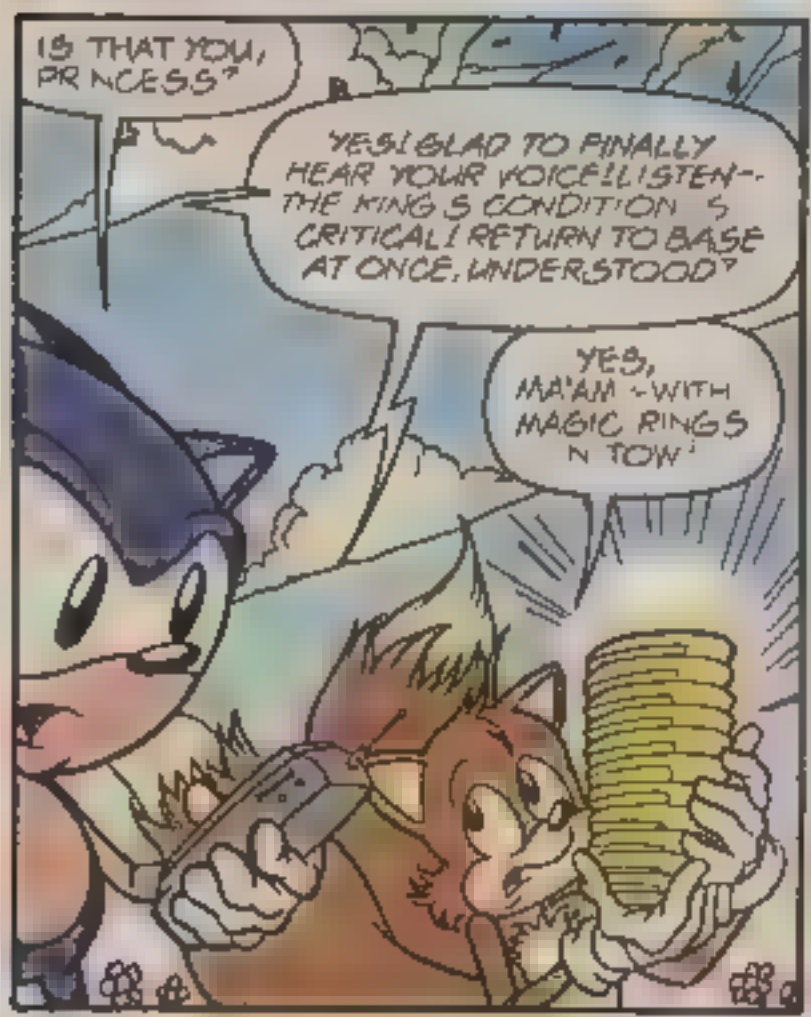
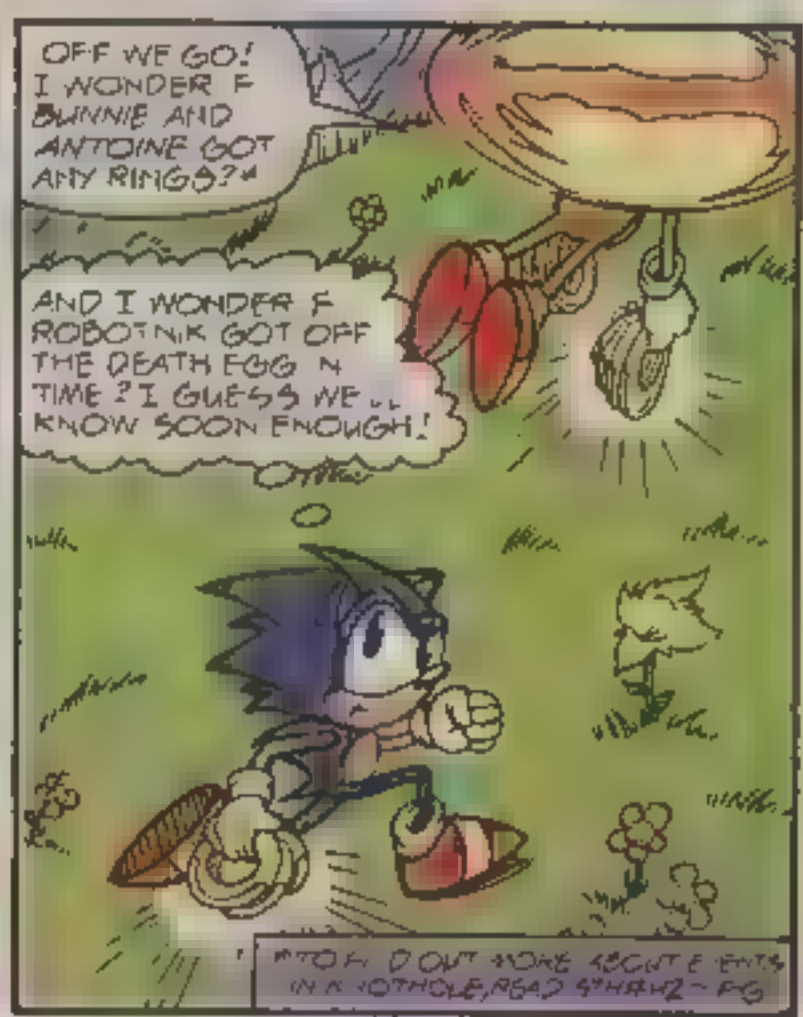
OOOO AHHH! WHAT A FIREWORKS DISPLAY!

I'LL SAY! ROBOTNIK WON'T BE HATCHING ANY MORE EGG-SCHEMES FOR A LONG TIME!

BEEEP-BEEEP

HEY MY COMMUNICATOR'S WORKING AGAIN-- IT MUST BE SALLY!

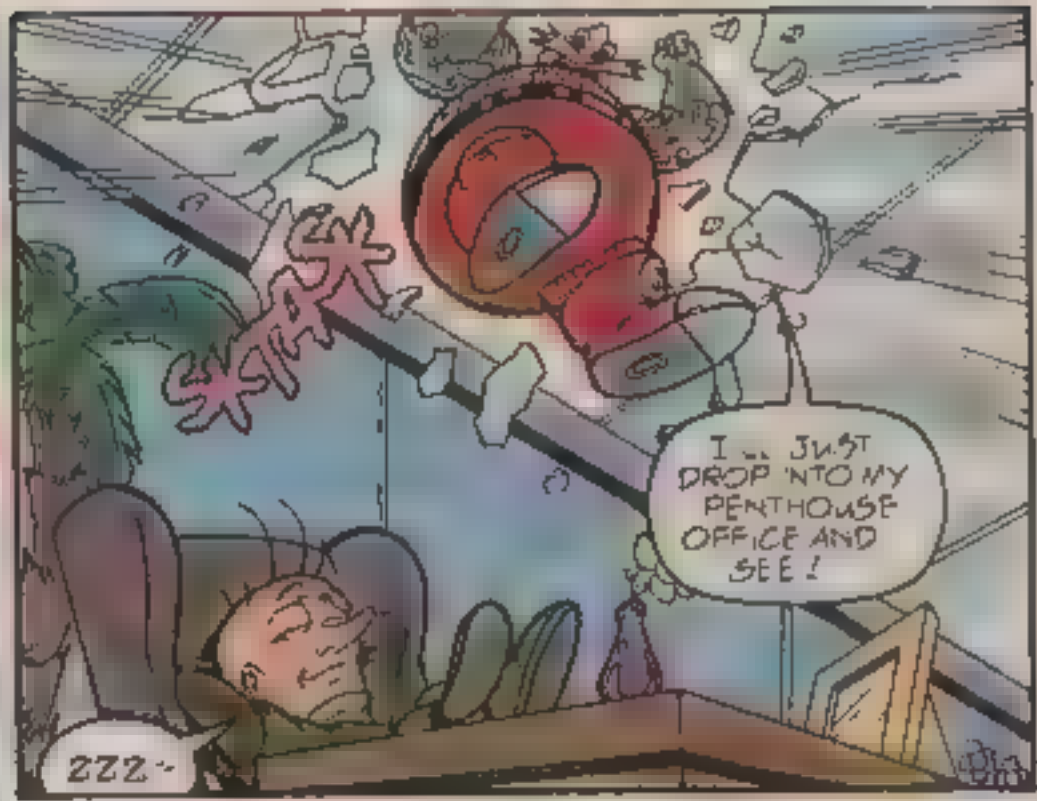




INDEED YOU WILL KNOW SOON ENOUGH, SONIC. FOR AT THAT MOMENT, A FAMILIAR FLABBY FIGURE APPEARS IN THE POLLUTION-FILLED SKY ABOVE SNIVOPOLIS.

SNIVOPOLIS?!

MY BEAUTIFUL DEATH EGG HAS BEEN DESTROYED, MY EGGS-O-SKELETON HANGS IN TATTERS AND NOW MY CITY HAS BEEN RENAMED!
:Grrr: WHAT HAS SNIVELY BEEN DOING IN MY ABSENCE?


I... JUST DROP INTO MY PENTHOUSE OFFICE AND SEE!
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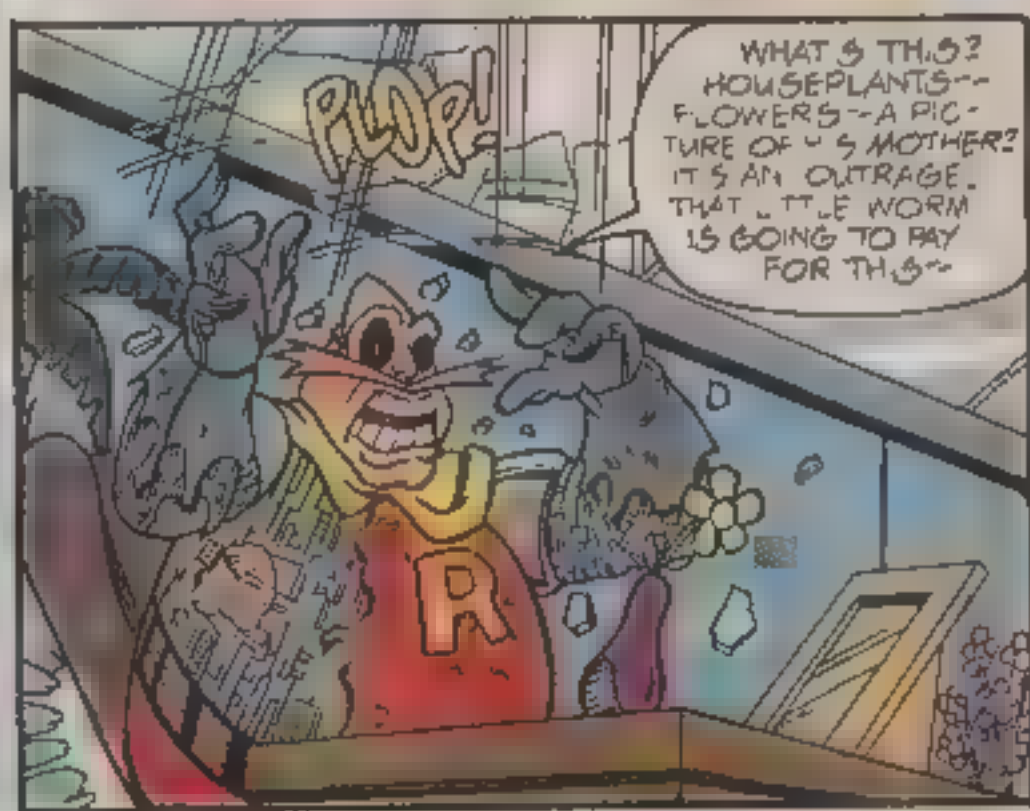
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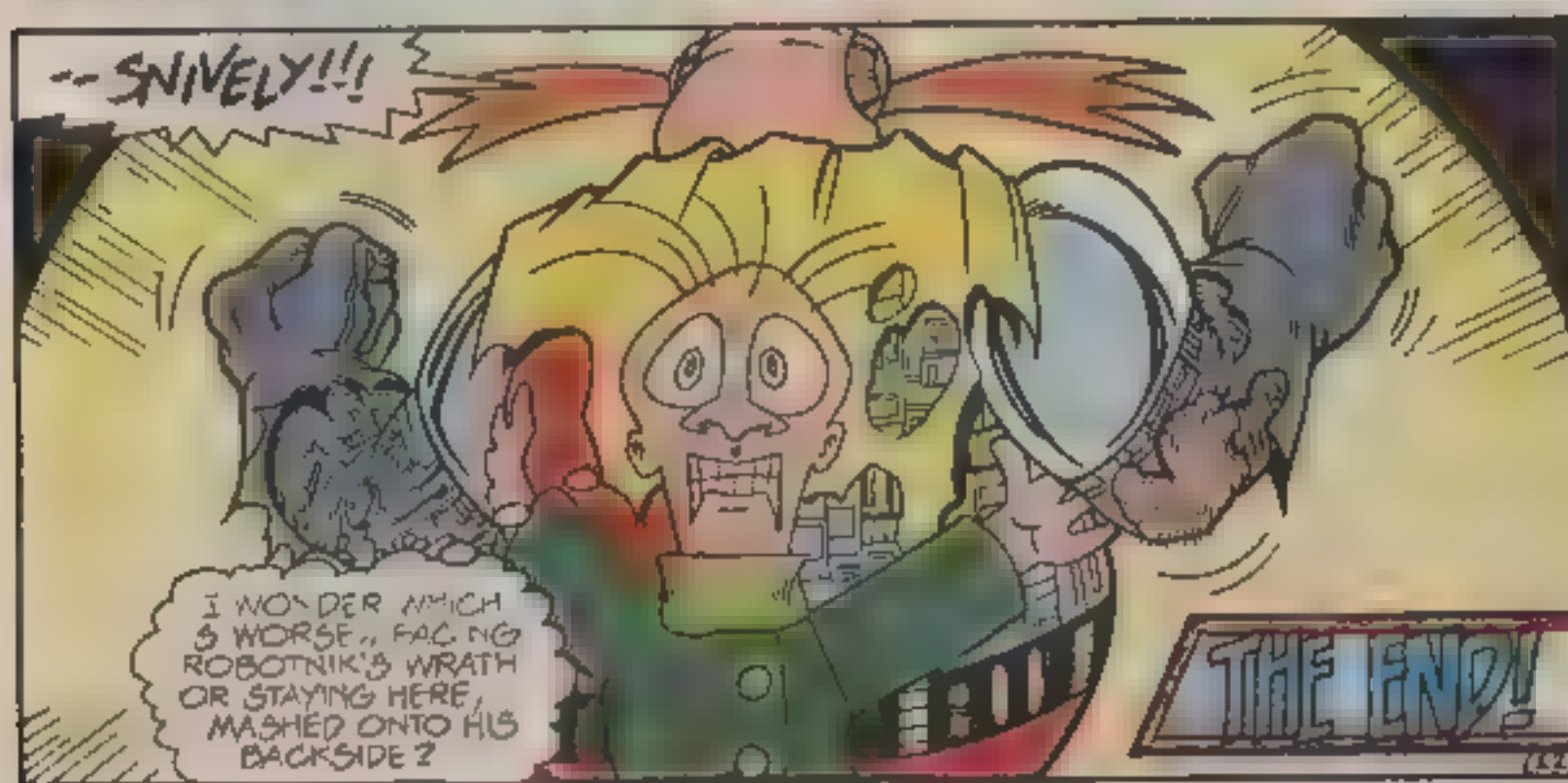
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THE END!

LETTER QUEST

J. Freddy Gabrie
Editor

This issue marks the end of the **SonicQuest** mini-series. I hope you enjoyed all the fun and excitement everyone involved put into these issues. Before the official wrap-up is done, I'd like to thank those "everyone involved" who worked so hard to bring you **The Death Egg Saga:** Mike G., Manny G., Jay O., Jim A., Harvo, Jeff P., Kyle H., Karl B., the Spaz-man, the guys at Heroic Age, Cynthia W. & Mike F. at Sega and Helen B. at Strategy Licensing — you all get the famous **Freedom Fighter** salute! Lastly, I'd like to thank you, the fans, for supporting **Sonic**. We both appreciate it.

FREDD

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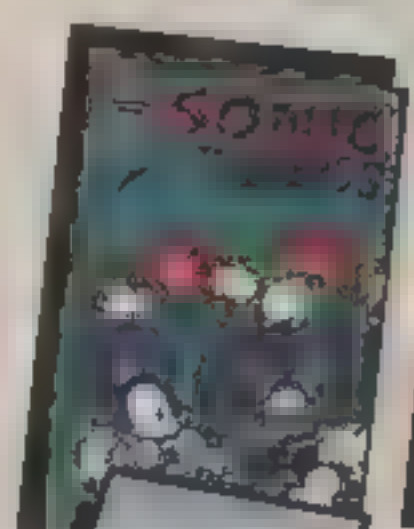

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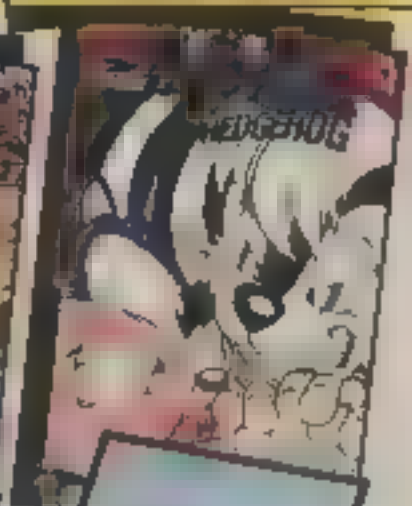

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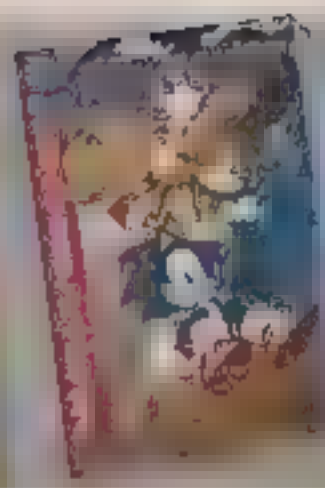

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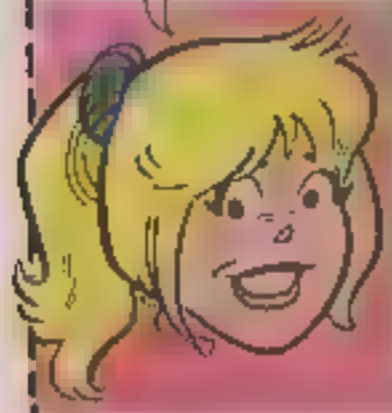

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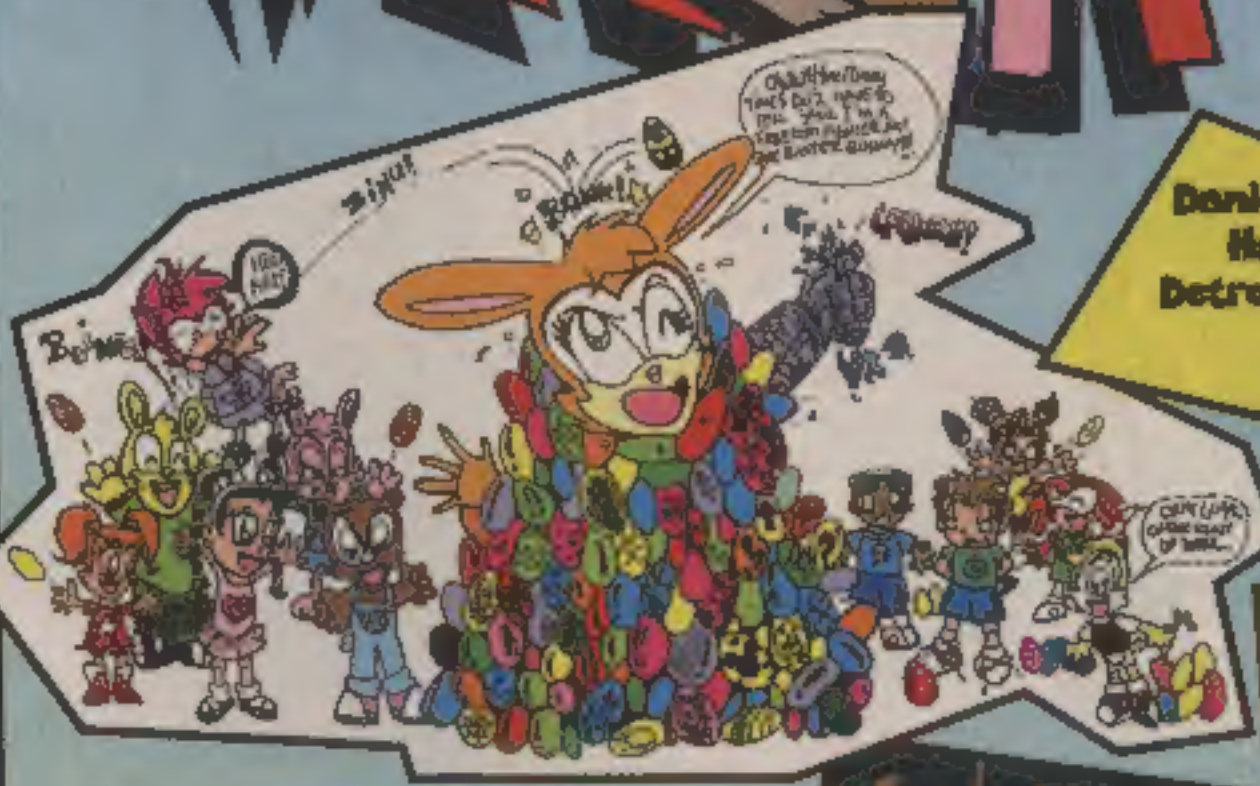

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